

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8 and 9 are pending in the application. Claims 6 and 7 were canceled by previous Amendment. With this Amendment, Applicants add new claims 10 and 11. After entry of this Amendment, claims 1-5 and 8-11 will be pending in the application.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-5, 8 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,484,029 to Hughes *et al.* (“Hughes”) in view of JP 2001-136538 to Manabu (“Manabu”). Applicants traverse this rejection.

One of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to make the combination of Hughes and Manabu attempted by the Examiner. Hughes discloses a mobile unit which adapts to the wireless communication requirements of the country or geographic region in which it is located based on a unique wireless communications frequency characteristic (Abstract). Manabu, in an unrelated art, discloses a video display device that determines an appropriate color broadcasting system to be used by the display by detecting the commercial voltage source of the country where the display is used (Abstract). In other words, Manabu’s display device must be plugged in to the commercial voltage source, e.g., through a wall socket, in order to perform the detection.

Applicants respectfully submit that Hughes contains no suggestion to operate the communications device, or to modify the communications device to operate, as other than a mobile device. Such modification as suggested by Manabu would render the mobile communication device unusable as a mobile device. Likewise, Manabu contains no suggestion to operate the display device in a manner other than connected to the commercial voltage source

of the country where the display is used. Modification of Manabu for use as a mobile device as in Hughes would render Manabu incapable of performing its intended function.

In view of the above, no motivation to combine the references as attempted by the Examiner exists. Therefore, claims 1-5, 8 and 9 are patentable over the combination of references attempted by the Examiner.

New Claims

Applicants have added new claims 10 and 11. These claims are supported in the specification at least at page 6, lines 19-26. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added. Claims 10 and 11 depend from claims 1 and 2, respectively, and are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

Conclusion

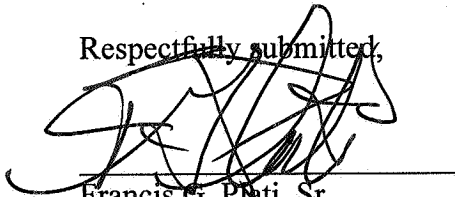
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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